



Robert Greene Sterne
Edward J. Kessler
Jorge A. Goldstein
David K.S. Cornwell
Robert W. Esmond
Tracy-Gene G. Durkin
Michele A. Cimballa
Michael B. Ray
Robert E. Sokohl
Eric K. Steffe
Michael Q. Lee
Steven R. Ludwig
John M. Covert
Linda E. Alcorn
Robert C. Millonig
Donald J. Featherstone
Lawrence B. Bugaisky
Michael V. Messinger

Judith U. Kim
Timothy J. Shea, Jr.
Patrick E. Garrett
Heidi L. Kraus
Albert L. Ferro*
Donald R. Banowitz
Peter A. Jackman
Teresa U. Medler
Jeffrey S. Weaver
Kendrick D. Patterson
Vincent L. Capuano
Eldora Ellison Floyd
Thomas C. Fiala
Brian J. Del Buono
Virgil Lee Beaston
Kimberly N. Reddick
Theodore A. Wood
Elizabeth J. Haanes

Joseph S. Ostroff
Frank R. Cottingham
Christine M. Lhulier
Rae Lynn Pengaman
Jane Shershenovich*
George S. Bardmesser
Daniel A. Klein*
Jason D. Eisenberg
Michael D. Specht
Andrea J. Kamage
Tracy L. Muller*
LuAnne M. DeSantis
John J. Figueroa
Ann E. Summerfield
Tiera S. Coston
Aric W. Ledford*
Jessica L. Parezo
Timothy A. Doyle*

Gaby L. Longworth*
Nicole D. Dretar*
Ted J. Ebersole
Jyoti C. Iyer*
Laura A. Vogel

Registered Patent Agents*
Karen R. Markowicz
Nancy J. Leith
Helene C. Carlson
Matthew J. Dowd
Aaron L. Schwartz
Katrina Y. Pei Quach
Bryan L. Skelton
Robert A. Schwartzman
Teresa A. Colella
Jeffrey S. Lundgren
Victoria S. Rutherford

Michelle K. Holoubek
Robert H. DeSelm
Simon J. Elliott
Julie A. Heider
Mita Mukherjee
Scott M. Woodhouse

Of Counsel
Kenneth C. Bass III
Evan R. Smith
Marvin C. Guthrie

*Admitted only in Maryland
*Admitted only in Virginia
•Practice Limited to
Federal Agencies

September 24, 2004

WRITER'S DIRECT NUMBER:

(202) 772-8525

INTERNET ADDRESS:

BRIAND@SKGF.COM

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Art Unit 1636

Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
Appl. No. 10/005,876; Filed: December 7, 2001
For: **Methods and Compositions for Synthesis of Nucleic Acid Molecules
Using Multiple Recognition Sites**
Inventors: CHESNUT *et al.*
Our Ref: 0942.5340002/RWE/BJD/JKM

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. PTO-2038 Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$914.00 to cover:
\$770.00 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) filing fee;
\$144.00 Excess dependent claims fee;
3. Request for Continued Examination Form PTO/SB/30;
4. Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111;
5. Sixth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
6. List of cited references on Form PTO-1449 (3 sheets);
7. A copy of each reference cited on Form PTO-1449 (12 documents: **AK9, AP9, AR116-AT116, AL10-AM10 and AR117-AS118**);
8. Seventh Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement;
9. List of cited references on Form PTO-1449 (14 sheets);

Commissioner for Patents
September 24, 2004
Page 2


10. A copy of each reference cited on Form PTO-1449 (47 documents: AA10-AE10, AN10-AO10 and AT118-AT131); and
11. One (1) return postcard..

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

STERNE, KESSLER, GOLDSTEIN & FOX P.L.L.C.


Brian J. Del Buono
Attorney for Applicants
Registration No. 42,473

BJD/JKM:nef:bac
Enclosures

303541_1.DOC